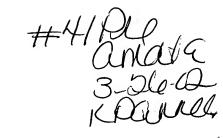


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

In re Application of:

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Drawings

Please replace Figs. 8-11 with the corrected Figs. 8-11 enclosed herewith. The corrections to the figures have been marked in red. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner approve the corrections. Applicants will submit corrected formal drawings upon receiving a Notice of Allowance.

In the Specification

Please rewrite the paragraph on page 15, lines 6-7 as follows:

(Amended) Figs. 17A and 17B show the configuration of a conventional nanual input device.